

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, I would like to see a woman appointed to the Board of Parole. I would like to see the best qualified woman appointed by the Governor. The point I would like to bring up right now is that the vote taken on the motion in the Committee on Committees is an illegal vote because there had been a motion to adjourn that was totally ignored and that was why I did not vote on the motion for Mrs. Dahlquist but when a motion is made to adjourn, that motion takes precedence which would have left this with the Committee on Committees for another week. For that reason, I will support Senator Kelly's motion.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I, too, am on the Committee. After everybody has spoken, it leaves very little to be said but for Senator Koch, there is one that is qualified and there has to be a qualified person on the Board and there is one on the Board at present that is qualified and meets the qualifications of the statutes. There is one of the minority race and there has to be another person with good common sense. It doesn't say they have to have other qualifications but that is one of the qualifications. Catherine Dahlquist, in my estimation, has that. I think Senator Kelly has very well exemplified that she has all of the qualifications. I don't know why he wants to bring it back but the best thing we can do is to go ahead and confirm this lady, and if she fails, then the Governor has his opportunity to do what he wants to with it but she is well qualified. I am amazed that there is so much opposition to her.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I, also, am on that Committee and I think we, thus far in the debate here and maybe in the Committee, missed one of the qualifications this woman has that makes her, maybe, more qualified than anybody else on the Board. That's right. This woman has no particular qualifications that make her an expert. She is just a plain, ordinary, fairly well educated, hard working in private business woman who has been appointed to fill this job. You know, I have noticed one thing on that Committee and I have noticed one thing in the Legislature and all around and that is, we have become obsessed with qualifications. How much college have you had? What degrees do you have behind your name? How many years in government experience do you have? And everybody that parades before that Committee almost, invariably, ends up being a retired military, retired government, retired this, or eight years working in this government agency. Well, here is a woman that is just an ordinary citizen who is going to listen to prisoners come and present their pleas, why they should be allowed to go back into society and here is a woman who lives in society who can judge just on the basis of an individual citizen without all that expert ability to judge, just the way you or I might sit there and look at the situation. So, as I say, I think the woman, maybe, has one qualification that makes her more qualified than any other member on the Board and that is, precisely, that she doesn't have all these other qualifications. I listened to the arguments in the Committee. I made motions, I think, two weeks in a row to delay a vote on the matter until we could get enough information on her and all we kept learning was that she is just a very ordinary, highly respected